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## SCORES HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

At a recent conference of the Ministry of Public Health it was revealed that although more than three quarters of the 1949 budget has been set aside for the construction of hospitals and medical facilities, the demand far exceeds the funds available. It was also pointed out that only 13 of the 43 construction projects had been completed. Ul yanov and Ivanov oblasts, and the cities of Molotov and Sevastopol', have been particularly slow in the construction programs. On the other hand, construction in Voronezh, Stalingrad, and Sverdlovsk oblasts has exceeded all annual quotas.

It was resolved that there should be stricter control of construction projects.

The other important problem at the conference had to do with the many conplaints which have been received in connection with the performance of heads of institutes and other activities. There has been an exceptional amount of criticism due to failure to investigate complaints. The problem is growing greater every day and it is imperative that proper steps be taken as soon as possible.

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